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STATE'S STRONG CREDIT RATING REAFFIRMED BY WALL STREET RATING AGENCIES

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that Wall Street's three major credit rating agencies have reviewed and reaffirmed the state's high quality bond ratings.

In what Treasurer Nappier described as a positive sign for the state's economic outlook, Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings reported that Connecticut's General Obligation Bonds will remain rated at: Aa2, AA, and AA.

"Our solid AA debt rating recognizes the strong financial management of the State and the credit quality of our bonds," Treasurer Nappier said. "These conclusions indicate that Connecticut's budget has achieved structural balance and that our economy is recovering from the affects of the Great Recession."

The rating news comes in advance of the State Treasury's \$715 million general obligation bond sale, set to begin today.

Of the total, \$550 million of the bonds will be used to fund new projects and \$165 million will be used to refinance existing debt to lower interest rates, saving taxpayers money.

"These vital and substantial infrastructure investments help preserve and create jobs while adding fuel to our economic engine," Treasurer Nappier said.

Of the new funding, approximately \$335.7 million will be used for local school construction grants; about \$54.6 million will go towards improvements to the state's community technical colleges, and \$30 million will replenish the State's Local Capital Improvement Fund. The balance will be used for other building projects.

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The bonds will be offered under a special retail order period starting Friday, and run through Monday, October 31. During this period, orders from individual investors will be given priority. The bonds will be offered to institutional investors on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011 and the bond closing is scheduled for Nov. 14, 2011. Disclosure counsel is Day Pitney LLP and Finn Dixon & Herling LLP. Tax counsel is Robinson & Cole LLP and Soeder & Associates, LLC. The underwriting team is being led by J.P. Morgan.

Financial advisors for the transaction are P.G. Corbin & Company, Inc. and Acacia Financial Group, Inc, -- both firms founded by women. On Tuesday, Nappier was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, in part for opening the doors of Wall Street to women- and minority owned businesses. She also has an unsurpassed record of doing business with Connecticut-based firms.

More information on the bond offering and a copy of the preliminary official statement may be obtained at www.buyctbonds.com.

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